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"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR SERIALIZING
REPLICATED TRANSACTIONS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/584,481, filed herewith;

"SYNCHRONOUS REPLICATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN A DISTRIBUTED
SYSTEM," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/583,370, filed herewith; and

On the second page of the application, replace the first paragraph having blanks (i.e.,
lines 1-3) with the following:

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"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING A
CLUSTERED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/583,677, filed
May 31, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

7.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the comparing comprises comparing a
sequence number of the prospective member with a sequence number of the processing
group.

8.   (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the sequence number of the
prospective member is less than the sequence number of the processing group, and wherein
the updating comprises updating the sequence number of the prospective member with the
sequence number of the processing group.

9.   (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising determining an activity
status of the processing group prior to the updating, wherein updating the sequence number
of the prospective member comprises updating if the processing group is active.